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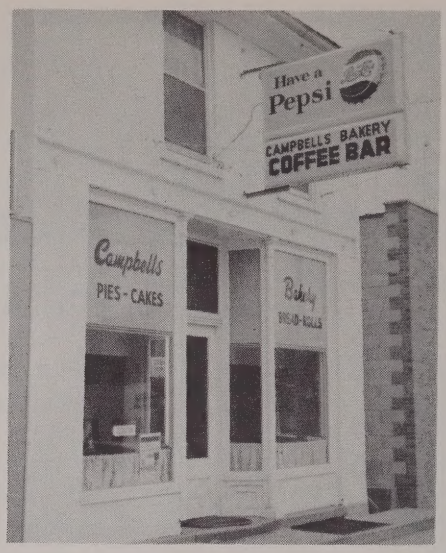


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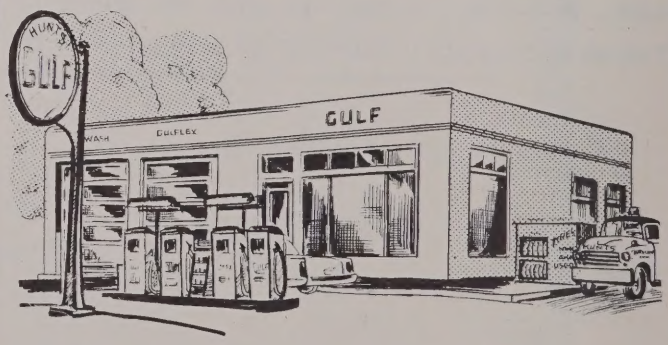


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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| SATURDAY | GREATER CLINTON DAY - JULY 13TH, 1963 |
| AFTERNOON | CENTENNIAL PARADE. |
| EVENING | CELEBRATION BALL AT 9:00 P.M. INTRODUCING THE QUEEN AND HER COURT OF HONOR. FINALE-FIREWORKS. |
| SUNDAY | FAITH OF OUR FATHERS - JULY 14TH, 1963 |
| AFTERNOON | BALL GAMES. |
| | BAR-B-QUE AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH |
| EVENING | JOINT CHURCH SERVICES AND MASSED CHOIR FROM ALL THE CHURCHES. FINALE-FIREWORKS. |
| MONDAY | PIONEER AND HOMECOMING DAY - JULY 15TH, 1963 |
| NOON | OLD TIMERS PICNIC. |
| AFTERNOON | HORSE SHOE PITCHING CONTEST. |
| EVENING | OLD TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST. FINALE-FIREWORKS. |
| TUESDAY | OLD FASHIONED BARGAIN DAY - JULY 16TH, 1963 |
| ALL DAY | OLD FASHIONED BARGAIN DAYS IN ALL RETAIL STORES. |
| AFTERNOON | LITTLE LEAGUE BALL GAMES. |
| EVENING | FINALE-FIREWORKS. |
| WEDNESDAY | LADIES DAY - JULY 17TH, 1963 |
| MORNING | KIDDIES AND PET PARADE. |
| AFTERNOON | STYLE SHOW AT 1:00 P.M. AND DRESS COSTUME CONTEST. |
| | LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP SOFT BALL GAMES AT 5:00 P.M. |
| EVENING | FINALE-FIREWORKS. |
| THURSDAY | FARMERS DAY - JULY 18TH, 1963 |
| MORNING | MICHIGAN FARM PARADE. |
| AFTERNOON | TRACTOR PULLING CONTEST. |
| | TUG OF WAR AT 5:00 P.M. |
| EVENING | FINALE-FIREWORKS. |
| FRIDAY | SIDEWALK SALES DAY - JULY 19TH, 1963 |
| EVENING | FINALE-FIREWORKS. |
| SATURDAY | VETERANS DAY - JULY 20TH, 1963 |
| AFTERNOON | FEATURE PARADE OF CELEBRATION AT 2:00 P.M. |
| | BEARD JUDGING CONTEST AT 5:00 P.M. |
| EVENING | FINALE-FIREWORKS. |

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WHY IS THE HISTORY OF CLINTON IMPORTANT? WHY DO WE RECORD IT HERE? WE GIVE THREE REASONS. FIRST--TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE EARLY PIONEERS AND OTHERS OF PAST GENERATIONS WHOSE FORTITUDE OVERCAME THE HARDSHIPS OF THE TIMES, MAKING CLINTON ON THE RAISIN RIVER A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE. SECOND--TO TEACH LOCAL HISTORY TO THE RISING GENERATION AND ENDOW IT WITH A SPIRIT OF VENERATION AND GRATITUDE TOWARD THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE. THIRD--TO REVIVE MEMORIES IN OUR OWN HEARTS, IN ORDER TO GAIN NEW INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION FROM FORMER TIMES.

SOME SLIGHT DISCREPANCY IN THE ACCOUNTS GIVEN IS NOT STRANGE (EVEN THE GOSPELS ARE NOT EXACTLY ALIKE). ENOUGH THAT THE ACCOUNTS ARE GENERALLY SIMILAR AND AS NEARLY ACCURATE AS CAN BE REASONABLY EXPECTED WHEN RETOLD AFTER A LAPSE OF 125 YEARS.

SINCE A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WAS HELD IN 1929 FOLLOWED BY A 111TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING IN 1940, THE NATURAL QUESTION ARISING WHEN THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY FOR 1963 WAS ANNOUNCED WAS--"WHY THE DISCREPANCY IN DATES? SHOULDN'T THIS BE THE 134TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION?" WE FEEL THAT THIS HISTORY SHOULD CLARIFY THE QUESTION. LED BY ALPHEUS KIES, THE FIRST SETTLERS DID ARRIVE IN 1829, BUT IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1838, ACCORDING TO STATE RECORDS, THAT CLINTON WAS FIRST INCORPORATED AS A VILLAGE. THE LENAWEE COUNTY ATLAS PUBLISHED IN 1874 STATES THAT CLINTON WAS INCORPORATED IN 1869. THIS IS MISLEADING. CLINTON, ACCORDING TO STATE RECORDS, WAS RE-INCORPORATED IN 1879, AND THIS DATE OF RE-INCORPORATION APPEARS ON THE OFFICIAL VILLAGE SEAL.

## *Early Days–*

"John Tyrrell"

THE FIRST WHITE MAN TO COME TO THE PART OF MICHIGAN NOW CALLED CLINTON WAS JOHN TYRRELL, WHO CAME AS AN EXPLORER IN 1825 AND TOOK UP 400 ACRES OF LAND FROM THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING WHAT IS NOW THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE VILLAGE. HE MADE NO PERMANENT SETTLEMENT AT THIS TIME, BUT RETURNED TO VERMONT, COMING BACK IN 1831.

THE FIRST PERMANENT SETTLER WAS ALPHEUS KIES, WHO CAME WITH HIS FAMILY IN 1829 AND BUILT A LOG CABIN AT THE CORNER WHERE THE CLINTON HOTEL NOW STANDS. THESE FIRST BEGINNINGS WERE ON THE GREAT SAUK TRAIL AT A SPOT KNOWN TO THE INDIANS AS OAK OPENING, SO NAMED ON ACCOUNT OF A NATURAL OPENING IN THE FOREST SURROUNDED BY OAK TREES.

COLONEL HIXON AND HIS WIFE CAME IN 1829 AND LIVED IN A LOG HOUSE (BUILT BY HIS FATHER, DANIEL HIXON, WHO HAD BEEN HERE BEFORE HIM) ON THE LAND NOW KNOWN AS THE JAMES HALLADAY FARM. THE LOG HOUSE WAS LATER REPLACED BY A FRAME STRUCTURE, WHICH IS STILL STANDING. MRS. HIXON LIVED TO THE AGE OF 104.

THAT SAME YEAR, GEORGE LAZELL ARRIVED IN THE VICINITY OF CLINTON LATE ONE EVENING AND SAW NO SIGNS OF LIFE--SO HE STOOD ON A HIGH STUMP AND CALLED AS LOUDLY AS HE COULD. HIS CRIES WERE HEARD BY COLONEL HIXON, WHO LED HIM IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION BY MEANS OF A LIGHTED CANDLE ON A LONG POLE. GEORGE LAZELL BECAME THE FIRST SCHOOL TEACHER (ANOTHER SOURCE GIVES THIS DISTINCTION TO DR. ADAMS) AND HIS MARRIAGE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST IN CLINTON, LINN WEAVER IS THE GREAT-GRANDSON OF GEORGE LAZELL.

E. W. FREEZE, AN EARLY RESIDENT, EXPLAINED HOW CLINTON GOT ITS NAME AS FOLLOWS: THIS NEWLY SETTLED COMMUNITY HAD BEEN CALLED "OAK OPENING"; BUT NEVER WAS THE NAME DISCUSSED OR PASSED UPON BY ANY GROUP UNTIL ONE DAY WHEN THREE OF THE EARLIEST SETTLERS, ALPHEUS KIES, COLONEL DANIEL HIXON, AND GEORGE LAZELLE MET ON THE HIXON PROPERTY, NORTH OF TOWN, WHERE SOME CHOPPING AND CLEARING OF LAND WAS IN PROGRESS. AS THEY SAT ON A LOG VISITING, THE TOPIC OF A DIFFERENT NAME FOR THE SETTLEMENT ENTERED THE CONVERSATION, AND ONE OF THE MEN SUGGESTED THAT EACH ONE WRITE OUT HIS CHOICE OF A NAME. PICKING UP SOME CLEAN WHITE OAK CHIPS FROM THE GROUND THEY CARRIED OUT THE SUG-

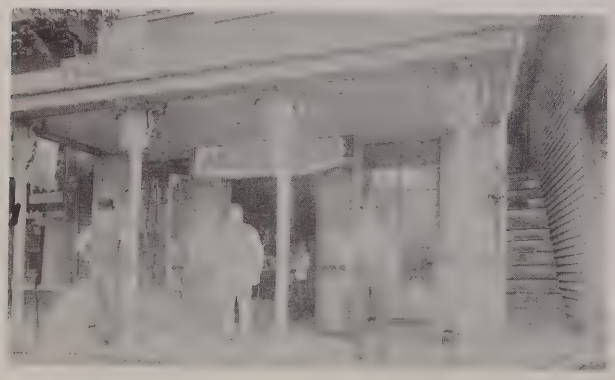
gestion. The result showed that two of the three voters desired the name of Clinton in honor of General De Witt Clinton, who was then Govenor of New York State.

This reverence and loyalty for their New York home and it's favorite son was carried into our community as a perpetual tribute. Thirty other towns have been named Clinton in the United States.

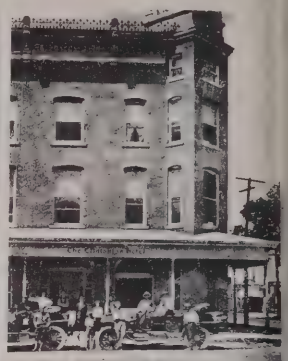
Another of the pioneer families who came in 1830 was that of Benjamin Gibford Fisk and his wife Lydia. The story goes that when they arrived their worldly possessions consisted of $1.50 in money, some handwoven cloth, a brand new rag carpet, and five small sons. The rag carpet was the first in town and Mrs. Fisk prized it greatly. They needed food, clothes, and shelter, however, so she sold it to Mrs. Kies. Mrs. Fisk was present at the birth of Henrietta Hixon, the first white child born in the village. When she was dressing the baby she glanced up at the window and every pane was filled with Indian faces. They were laughing, dancing, and having all sorts of fun at the fuss the pale face was making over the new babe. They asked to come in, and, fearing to offend, Mrs. Fisk invited them to come in. They crowded around the infant, admired it and seemed to hold a council over it, made a polite bow to Mrs. Fisk, and departed.

During the year 1832, Mr. Fisk worked hard to lay out the old cemetery (near the water tower). Shortly after, he was taken ill and died. One of the five sons, Clinton Fisk, was the General Fisk, of Civil War fame and co-founder of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. He also ran for President of the United States on the Prohibition ticket.

In 1835, Alonzo Clark and his brother arrived. Mr. Clark established a hardware store and later



entered into partnership with Edwin Freese in the Dry good business. In 1872, they build the building now occupied by Steffans Drug Store. Mr. Clark



Lancaster - 1st. Hotel Clintonian - 2nd

also erected the Clinton Hotel and the building adjoining. He opened the first bank after "wild cat" banking was forced out of business.

In 1833, Clinton, although very young, celebrated the Fourth of July in the same hilarious manner that we do now. But a cannon which they were firing was overloaded and burst, injuring a man. It was necessary to amputate his arms, and since there were no surgical instruments, it was done with a couple of knives and a meat saw.

There have been many references as to where the FIRST school was established. Suffice it to say, That the early settlers saw fit to have a school and which one came first we are not here to argue.

Union High School

When John Tyrrell returned in 1831 from Vermont, he brought with him Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Clark. Mr. Clark and Mr. Tyrrell had formerly worked on the building of the Erie Canal. Mr. Clark built a log cabin on the site where Mrs. Hazel Barnard's home now stands. Later that was torn down and he erected the present house. At the back he built a blacksmith shop, and two of the steppingstones leading from the house to the shop are still to be seen in the back yard.

## *Hoofs on the Trail*

Congress authorized a survey, the object being to turn the Sauk Indian Trail into a turnpike. The commissioners rode to the top of the highest hill and blew a horn to guide the surveyor in the direction in which he was to run a line. There were delays, however. An Indian scare connected with the Black Hawk uprising and an epidemic of Asiatic Cholera took the lives of many Michigan settlers. Before the completed turnpike, a stageline operated from Detroit to Tecumseh and later extended west to Niles (1832) and Chicago (1833). The journey from Detroit to Chicago took eight days. The highway U.S. 12 on which Clinton is situated, is commonly known as a military road and it follows rather exactly the route across Michigan of the historic and pre-historic Indians, known as the Great Sauk Trail.

In 1825, Congress appropriated $3000.00 to have the road surveyed and two years later, an additional $20,000.00 for its construction. One of its surveyors was Musgrove Evans, a Philadelphia Quaker and a Civil Engineer, who had come to Michigan Territory in 1824, as one of the three men who made up the "Tecumseh Company", founders of the settlement of that name. He was also passionately devoted to the development of that settlement and of Lenawee County, of which it was then the county seat.

On its original course, The Sauk Trail forded the Raisin River about four miles farther north than its present crossing in what was even then, Washtenaw County. Evans knew that where such an important road crossed a river there would inevitably be a town. He wanted that town for Lenawee. As this was to be a military road, it was under the supervision of the War Department and the Commander-in-Chief at that time was another Philadelphia Quaker, General Jacob Brown, who was also a brother-in-law of Evans.

So, straight to Washington and brother Jacob, Evans sent a request to be allowed to "take a big bend out of the trail". As he was the "man on the job" and presumably knew what he was asking, his request was granted. So, starting a few miles east on the trail, Evans ran a vew line, and possibly a better one, farther south.

Thus, when the town of Clinton was born, where the trail and river crossed, that town was a part of Lenawee County, thanks to the political acumen of a Good Quaker.

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**Photo of the old Clinton Inn**
**Standing in front are:**
**Lynn Lindsley**
**Walter Pinkston**

The Clinton Inn was one of the first roadside Hotels built to accomodate travelers between Detroit and Chicago. Records of the land on which the Inn stood go back to 1823. Just when the Inn was built is not known, but the date is believed to be 1830. Presumably built by Calvin Parkhurst, it was afterwards owned by James Park and known as the Park Tavern. Later it was called "The Eagle" until the Civil War, when the name was changed to "Union Hotel". During the war, it was the stopping place for many of the Union soldiers on their way to and from the front. Built on the days when wood was cheap and labor at a premium, much valuable timber was used in it's construction. The square front pillars supporting the second story verands were of solid Black walnut. A large part of the interior was also finished in black walnut.

George Lancaster borrowed this COACH from Henry Ford in 1929 for the Clinton Centennial. This is the original Coach that ran from Clinton to Detroit.

It is related that one bright morning the stage left Clinton for the west loaded with passengers. The road was exceptionally muddy so that the heavy vehicly succeeded in reaching a point only about a mile from the village. The passengers walked back to the Inn and early next morning returned to the partly submerged stagecoach. During the second day it reached a point three miles from the village and again the passengers walked back to Clinton to spend the night. The next day the stagecoach must have reached another tavern for the passengers did not return.

At the Inn, supper was served up to midnight and breakfast was served as early asthree in the morning. Rooms were filled to capacity every night, travelers sometimes sleeping on the floor in the office and under wagons in the yard. Even the long ballroom upstairs was filled with beds when the Inn was crowded. If a register had been kept in the prosperous days of the Inn, on it would have been written names of some of the best known leaders of the period. President James Polk, Daniel Webster, and James Fenimore Cooper are reported to have visited the Inn.

The ballroom was so constructed that the floor had a slight spring to it. For this reason dancers experienced a delightful sense of exhilaration as they glided over its smooth surface, and it seemed as if they never grew tired. The last big dance at this hotel was a Leap Year Ball held in 1876. This was the same year the Town Hall was built and dances from then on were held there.

To the Eagle one day in 1833 came Mr. and Mrs. Edward Muir. They had left their old home in New York and were seeking a new one in the Michigan wilderness. With them were little Mary Ann Muir, age nine, and her brother, age ten, Mary Ann Muir grew to womanhood and married Walter Hubbell Smith who later became the proprietor of the Inn. To them was born a daughter, Mary Ella Smith, who continued to occupy the Inn until she sold it to Henry Ford, in 1927. He moved it to Dearborn at Greenfield Village. The restorationwas completed with everything possible being used from the old building and placed in the same position. In its present setting, Clinton Inn was re-opened to the public on October 21, 1929, on

OLD CLINTON INN PERIOD 1832 IN GREENFIELD VILLAGE DEARBORN MICHIGAN

the occasion of the celebration marking the fiftieth anniversary of Thomas Edison's invention of the incandescent lamp. Many of Miss Smith's belongings are in it today, including the old piano on which she gave so many music lessons.

## *Pioneer Settlers*

From 1833-36, the population in Clinton greatly increased. By 1836, there were ten general stores all doing a good business, each selling liquor; several blacksmith shops and the hardware store was erected that year by Edwin Smith and Jira Payne to replace an earlier one.

In 1836, Edwin Smith contracted to have a building erected on the Raisin River, which is now the Atlas Feed and Grain Company. The land was purchased from John Tyrrell and was part of the 400 acres that he took up from the government in 1825. The deed passed on to Jira Payne, who owned and operated it until 1856.

Jira Payne was also the builder of the home now known as the Smith-Kimball Community Center.

The bricks used to build it were made on "The Common". The brick floor in the basement is the original flooring. There are four pillars in front, two Doric, and two Ionic, of hand-hewn wood cut from whitewood trees at the back of the lot. They must have been exceptionally large trees, for each pillar is full length from the base to the capital and very thick.

Jira Payne's concern for the education of his children led him to erect a small school building in back of the house (where the skating rink is now), and he also hired a tutor.

## *Early Railroad*

The first railway of which Clinton boasted was one with wooden rails built about 1837-38. The cars were wooden, and drawn by horses. After a few years this railway was discontinued until 1857, when the steel railway was finished to Clinton. The citizens had resolved on having a celebration and the town turned out. We are told that the children attending school at the time on "Common" were refused permission by the teacher to attend the event. So at recess time, when the teacher went to call them in, he found not a child in sight.

In 1837, Clinton was the proud possessor of a Band. That same winter the village decided to have a celebration, and a huge sleigh was built, forty feet in length, with a driver's seat nine feet high. It was carpeted on the sides and the seats were covered with green flannel. It was drawn by twenty horses, the first four spans being controlled by postillions in red uniforms. 56 people took a trip to Ypsilanti and had a "high old time", not reaching home until the next morning.

The Clinton Woolen Mill was organized and incorporated in 1866 with about one hundred stockholders, who were mostly businessmen and farmers of Clinton and vicinity, the original building was a four-story and basement brick structure, with three sets of cards and other machinery. The

**Photo of Woolen Mill Cloth Delivery**
**Dated September 1917**
**Driver - Cubby Earle**

long term faith that the original stockholders placed in the location was not in vain, for entire families continued working in the mill to the third and fourth generations. During World War II the mill received the Navy "E" Award. When the automotive industry changed from woolen upholstery to synthetics, the mill experimented with various materials. Competition, however, was very keen, and, although the mill had the very best and latest equipment, it could not continue operation, as the wage scale, set when under contract with the automotive industry, was in excess of that for workers in the textile industry in other parts of the country. October of 1957 saw the plant liquidated. At present, the building is occupied by three new industries--Dearborn Steel Tubing, Standard Steel Products Corporation, and Richards Engineering and Manufacturing Company.

The Clinton Products Company, owned by Fred Geiger, is located at the southern end of Clinton. The Geiger-Knight caster was the first product. This has been followed by hand-trucks, car-top carriers, and racks, mechanic seats and tool trays, and truck steps.

The Clinton Engines Corporation (formerly Clinton Machine Company) started in the old light plant in 1946. It expanded in 1948 and built a manufacturing plant on Tecumseh Road and a gray iron foundry at the south end of Division Street. In 1951, the entire plant moved to Maquota, Iowa, but re-opened here in 1952 with a Chain Saw Divi-

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SION, IN 1954, A DIE CASE DIVISION WAS ALSO OPENED IN THE OLD FOUNDRY. AGAIN IN 1962-63 THE COMPANY BEGAN REMOVAL OF THESE DIVISIONS TO IOWA, AND WILL TERMINATE THE PLANT HERE IN THE SPRING OF 1963.

TWO NEW INDUSTRIES WHICH HAVE RECENTLY COME TO CLINTON ARE THE PARKLANE COMPANY, INC., LOCATED IN THE FORMER LANCASTER MOTOR SALES BUILDING, AND THE TERRA-FORM FOOTING CORPORATION LOCATED WEST OF THE VILLAGE.

## *School Bells Ring . . .*

IN 1858 A NEW BRICK SCHOOL WAS BUILT ON THE LOCATION OF THE PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, WITH FOUR TEACHERS AND AN ATTENDANCE OF ABOUT 200 PUPILS. THE BRICKS WERE MADE AT THE BRICK MILL, WHICH WAS UP ON THE "COMMON". THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING USED UP TO THIS TIME ON THE "COMMON" WAS SOLD TO FRED MARTINY, SR. HE MOVED IT TO A LOCATION ON RIVER STREET WHERE HE ESTABLISHED A COOPER SHOP. HE SOON HAD A THRIVING BUSINESS MAKING BARRELS FOR THE FLOUR MILL AND THE APPLE ORCHARDS.

THE PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN 1905, AND A GYMNASIUM, HOMEMAKING DEPARTMENT, AND SCIENCE ROOM WAS ADDED IN 1926. THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION INCLUDES A MODERN GYMNASIUM, FIVE GENERAL CLASSROOMS, A SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, CAFETERIA, TEACHERS LOUNGE, MUSIC FACILITIES, AND OFFICES, COMPLETED IN 1958, THE ORIGINAL ELEMENTARY BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 1951 AND AN ADDITION WAS COMPLETED IN 1957.

THE FIRST BOARD SIDEWALK WAS BUILT IN CLINTON ABOUT 1870 BY DAVID WOODWARD, GEORGE RUNYAN, AND HENRY STARRETT. IN THE COURSE OF TIME THIS WALK WAS TORN UP AND A NEW ONE BUILT IN IT'S PLACE BY WILL WOOD. THE FIRST CEMENT FOR A WALK WAS MADE BY EDWIN R. SMITH AT THE NORTHEAST OF THE WOOLEN MILL OFFICE. HE USED THREE BARRELS OF IMPORTED GERMAN CEMENT.

IN THE LATE 80'S THERE WAS WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL A GREAT ANTI-SALOON MOVEMENT IN CLINTON KNOWN AS "THE RED RIBBON CRUSADE". NOTED SPEAKERS WERE ENGAGED TO HOLD NIGHTLY MEETINGS. THE VILLAGE COUNCIL THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PROPER TO REFUSE SALOON KEEPERS A LICENSE AND THE TOWN REMAINED DRY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

## *Telephones Come*

THE FIRST TELEPHONE IN TOWN WAS INSTALLED IN THE HOUSE OF J. S. KIES IN 1887. IT HAD BEEN THE HABIT OF MEN TO GO TO THE RAILROAD STATION ON ELECTION NIGHTS TO WAIT FOR RETURNS TO BE TELEGRAPHED IN, BUT SOON AFTER THIS A PUBLIC TELEPHONE WAS INSTALLED UPTOWN SO THAT THE NEWS COULD BE HAD UP THERE. THEN A LITTLE LATER TELEPHONES WERE PUT IN MANY HOMES.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD 1890-1900, THE BUSINESS PART OF MAIN STREET CONSISTED MOSTLY OF WOODEN BUILDINGS WITH A FEW BRICK BUILDINGS. THERE WERE BOARD SIDEWALKS AND IRON HITCHING RAILS AT THE CURB WHERE THE HORSES WERE TIED WHILE THEIR OWNERS SHOPPED. ON SATURDAY NIGHT MANY WERE STILL THERE WHEN THE BELL AT THE WOOLEN MILL TOLLED THE HOUR OF ELEVEN. THAT BELL SEEMED TO WATCH OVER THE TOWN BY TOLLING THE HOURS OF THE NIGHT.

At the intersection of the four corners stood the town pump with its wooden platform. While other improvements added to the beauty of the town, the most important one, the one most of value, was the building of the municipal electric plant. In the beginning the service was limited. The plant ran from dark until midnight. In

1913, the demand was such that a 24-hour service was established. Then in 1939, a new plant was made possible by a grant from the Federal Government. In July, 1959, new street lights were installed on Michigan Avenue in the business area. The new lights increased the amount of illumination by six times.

No community is complete without a place of worship. The first religious services were held at the home of Alpheus Kies. His daughter recalled years later that every available seat was occupied and she, being the youngest, had to sit on the bottom rung of the ladder that led to the loft. During the services she went to sleep, fell from her seat, and bumped her head which made her cry loudly and consequently disturbed the meeting. Later, churches were formed and firmly established their places in the history of our town. Their complete story is given on other pages of this book.

Clinton's history has been influenced by fires. The original Woolen Mill building was completely destroyed by fire in 1886, but was immediately rebuilt on the same foundation. About 1900, the Edrose Hotel, Cooley Novelty Shop, and the first Post Office burned. These were located where the Lancaster Ford Garage was later erected and eastward to the old bank building now occupied by Jeanne's Beauty Salon. Because of this fire, other new store buildings were constructed of brick. One such group of buildings included the corner drug store and the building now occupied by the State Savings Bank on the south side of the

Ruins of the Original Buildings of the Clinton Woolen Mfg. Co. in the fire of December 11, 1886.

street. In approximately 1890 Horace Bartlett wanted to clean out his chimney and succeeded in burning the house down. He built a brick home on the same location and in the same style (now occupied by the William Shreve family on Division Street). In 1951, Clinton Engines (the old Village Light Plant) burned and caused great fright because of the magnesium explosions. This was replaced with a fine brick office building. The Ebling Creamery on Brown Street was destroyed by fire in the late 1930's. The bakery, then located on the north side of Main Street, was burned out during the night in the 1930's. In 1961, the Robert Vogel home just east of the village burned to the ground. Luckily, the Vogel family was not at home and sustained no injuries.

The arts have always had a part in the history of Clinton, from the first dancing schools at the Clinton Inn and the singing schools (1892) held in the Baptist Church (located on the corner of Division and Church Streets, where the Robert Winder home now stands) to the recent "Band Follies". Mrs. George Hard was an outstanding painter. Several of her paintings are hanging in the Roy Porter home on East Michigan Avenue. Wirt Rowland was one of the architects that designed Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Margaret Kimball Robinson, a talented and accomplished pianst, gave a concert here in 1948. Howell Poucher had conducted an art class at the Smith-Kimball Community Center in recent years. Clinton is proud of its High School Marching and Concert Bands under the direction of Richard Wegner.

After World War II, the need for more housing promoted a sub-division of new homes at the southern limits of the village. In recent years, new homes began to appear in the area east of the water tower and the new elementery school.

## The Old Settlers Organize

Lenawee County has over One Hundred Centennial Farms, more than any other county in the state of Michigan. Clinton Township has the following Centennial Farms:

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| Harry Gregg (Deceased)<br>Gary Service-new owner-relative | 1833 |
| Eric R. Halladay | 1849 |
| Mrs. Carrie Hogan (Deceased)<br>Roy Draper-son-owner | 1835 |
| Carroll Kuder | 1833 |
| Perley Liddle | 1836 |
| William O'Reilly (Deceased)<br>Farm Sold | 1837 |
| Wyman Rhoades<br>(Ada Rhoades-deceased) | 1842 |
| Raymond Service | 1833 |
| Cecil Woodward | 1852 |
| Irving Mann | 1837 |

And just on the edge of Clinton and Bridgewater townships, and closely associated with Clinton's history are the farms of William F. Allen (Eva Allen), 1835, and Sally and James Linden (Donna Linden), 1837.

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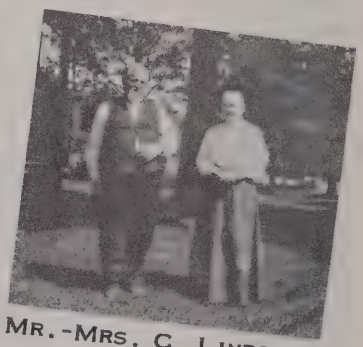

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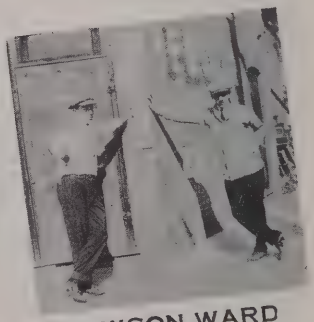

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# Clinton Methodist Church

In the year 1831, a Methodist Society was formed in Clinton. At that time Clinton belonged to the Tecumseh Circuit, Ohio Conference, with two resident ministers, twenty-seven preaching appointments every four weeks, and four hundred miles of travel. Let it be said here, that no other but such an itinerant system as this, used by the Methodist and other early churches, could have kept the people under the elevating influence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Clinton's first two itinerant ministers were Rev. E. H. Pilcher and Rev. Ezekiel G. Gavit, and the first appointed minister was Rev. Joseph Bangs.

In 1835, the trustees bought for fifteen dollars-the plot of land on which the church and parsonage now stands.

In 1837, the construction of the brick building was begun. Most of the bricks were drawn from a brick-yard southwest of Clinton, and the walls of the church are three feet thick. The cost of erecting this office was so much more than the pioneers had anticipated, that two of them all but lost their farms, when they assumed the heavy mortgages to prevent foreclosure; also to prevent the use of this building for a local school.

The structure was completed and dedicated in 1842. The tower was added later.

At first, the pulpit was in the west end, and there was a gallery on the other three sides. When the pulpit was placed in the east end, a balcony was built in the west end, but this was removed some years later.

The north wing was added and dedicated in 1917.

On July 10, 1935, the church celebrated its 100th anniversary. At this time several former pastors and their families, also a great many local people and out-of-town guests, attended the special afternoon and evening services.

In the late 1930's, the red carpet was laid, the large drapery behind the pulpit, and the curtains in front of the choir, were hung. This not only added very definitely to the beauty of the sanctuary, but greatly improved the acoustics.

In May, 1950, a Baldwin electronic organ No. 5 was purchased and installed to replace the reed organ hitherto in use. This organ was made possible through gifts and memorials, not particularly large, by interested people, church members, and others outside of the church membership.

In 1953, the original stained glass windows in sanctuary were releaded and repaired. Since reproductions of the small, multi-colored panes were no longer available, the broken ones were replaced by removing like panes from one of the original windows. This made possible a complete restoration of all the windows in the sanctuary. Those in the north wing were replaced by matching colored glass, but of a more modern design. Later, a new floor was laid in the sanctuary, and the entire inside of the church was redecorated.

In 1958, the church people began to realize that more rooms were needed for the increasing Sunday School enrollment. Pledges were received over a two year period, and at the end of that time, over another three year period, for building an educational unit. The payment of these pledges is gradually increasing the building fund and it is hoped that this new unit will be added in the not too far distant future.

In the years, from 1831, to the present time, 1963, approximately fifty ministers have served our Methodist Church here in Clinton, The significant thing is, that today, the church members are still worshipping in the original building, which is the oldest Methodist Church in Michigan with the longest record of continuous use.

The DUNHAM Press

# Macon Methodist Church

Families began settling around the vicinity of what is now known as Macon (formerly Pennington's Corners) in 1830. By autum of 1831, enough families had come to form a small congregation, so one Sunday they gathered together in the home of Peter Sones. Joseph Bangs, a Methodist local preacher, and at the same time a farmer and blacksmith living near Tecumseh, came to preach the first sermon in Macon.

Services were held in the various homes and in the schoolhouse through the years. Michigan was at this time a territory and the territory was known in Methodist Circles as the Detroit District of the Ohio Conference.

Jessie B. Coller gave the land for the Methodist Church. On Christmas day, 1868, a paper was drawn up covering in detail the specifications of all material to be used in the church which was soon to be built, probably under the pastorate of C. T. Allen, who was followed by Samual Bessey on the Clinton-Macon Circuit. This church was built just south of the main four corners on the west side of the road.

In 1916, the Methodist Church needed to be enlarged and remodeled. It was raised and a basement put under it, and a room built on the north side. The church steeple and belfry was also enlarged. Through the passing of time, Macon has been connected with Ridgeway and Clinton charges. In 1956, the church congregation had grown large enough to be a church by itself, so at the Conference in June, a dream of many was realized by having their first full time minister appointed to them. Reverend Donald Bates, his wife and son David and daughter Cathy came to Macon in June, 1956. They served the Macon Methodist Church from 1956 to 1958. In June, 1958, Rev. Walter Damberg, his wife Marion, their daughter Janet and son James, came to serve the church.

Within the last few years, an oil furnace has been installed, also rest rooms, and tile has been laid in the dining room, annex, rest rooms, and hallway floors. A hot water heater was installed in 1958. On November 3, 1957, open house was held at the parsonage, which had been purchased during the summer. It is located the sixth place east of the main four corners, on the north side of the road. It is across the road from the Old Pennington Homestead.


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## Congregational Church

The first story for the first seventy years was written by James B. Wells, son of a charter member of this church. An extension and revision of the history was published in 1923. In February 1958, a committee was formed for the purpose of bringing the history up to date. Excerpts have been taken from the earliest church and Society records; also, much of the material has been furnished by the Senior member of our congregation and committee, Mrs. Eva Hause who joined the church before the turn of the century and has been the teacher of the Philathea class from its beginning.

One hundred twenty years ago on the 28th day of April 1843, the First Congregational Church of Clinton was organized because of a disagreement over the advanced ideas of the pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The first place of worship was the district school house in Clinton at the east end of Church Street where the water tower now stands.

In the winter of 1843 and 1844, the men of the society sawed down the oaks and whitewood trees to work into the desired material for this church. Much of this work was done by hand. Jira Payne gave the land for the site of the new church which was to be erected on the main road leading to Tecumseh, Michigan, near the Chicago Trail. He said if the land was ever used for anything except a church site, it would be taken away and given back to his children and grandchildren or to whomever it should belong. The Society decided to raise $1800.00 with which to build an edifice about 40 x 60 feet in size. The architecture was to be colonial style like most of the churches in New England. The church was dedicated in October 1844.

In the year 1851, the State meeting of Congregational Churches was held in Clinton, beginning at 7:00 A.M., May 27, and lasting four days. The results of this meeting were resolutions presented against capital punishment and slavery.

The Sunday or Bible School was not recognized to any extent until 1870. Arthur B. Cotton was the first Sunday School Superintendent. He was a vigorous and successful leader in this work, and a merchant in the village. He was a direct descendent of John Cotton who is remembered as "Patriarch of Massachusetts Theocracy". John Cotton and Thomas Hooker came to America in 1633 and they were particularly responsible for the development of Congregationalism in New England.

In 1879, the church owned a parsonage and lot, presumedly located at 128 W. Church St. The Rev. Mr. Wilson, pastor at this time, made it plain that he wanted to get new windows for the church and to build a new parsonage. The former parsonage and lot was offered for sale and sold to Bradley Swift for $800, and the new one was built for $840. It is difficult to believe, but in sixty days from the time the ground (frozen 18 inches deep) was broken, the new parsonage west of the church was completed. In 17 days new windows took the place of the old ones.

The chancel was made over in 1949. The organ console was moved to the center, back of the altar. The cross, suspended over the altar was designed by Nathaniel Gould and made by the Gorham Silversmiths of New York for $500. The pulpit on the south side of the chancel is made of oak and was hand carved by Henry Starrett.

The Rev. and Mrs. Staple and five children, came to us from the E. and R. Church. Through his efforts, two girls were sent on Southern Tours and we had distinguished leaders and Missionaries as out guests. We observed the 115 Anniversary June 8, 1958.

Clare Kimball served as our organist for many years. On a Sunday morning in May 1949, he was taken from us while performing his service at the organ. Pilgrim Hymnals were dedicated March 1963 to replace the old ones which were given by Mr. Kimball in 1945 as a memorial to his wife, Louise Kimball.

The stately pine and mighty oak timbers have proven to be a firm foundation for our church. We know the future of the church shall continue to be one of progress and inspiration as it has been in the past.

## Assembly of God Church

The Clinton Assembly of God Church was established in 1954, by the Rev. Miss Lois Lemm. and held their first worship and Sunday School service on Sunday, October 3, 1954, in the upper hall room, over the Corner Drug Store in Clinton.

Services continued at this location until the summer of 1956, at which time we moved to the former Dillingham School property, one mile north of Clinton which is owned by Mr. Ben Mahrle.

Miss Lemm pastored the church until July 1957, at which time she resigned to answer the call to the foreign mission field, resulting in her going to "New Hope Town, Leper Mission, Liberia, West Africa".

Rena Fitzpatrick and Rev. Daniel Miller are exchanging the deed for four lots on Franklin Street where the Assembly of God will erect a church and parsonage.

The Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Miller then came to us from Detroit. On March 26, 1959, while Rev. Miller was still with us, we purchased four lots on E. Franklin Street as a future site for our new church building.

When Rev. Miller accepted a pastorate at Harrison, Michigan and left us in September, 1959, the Lord sent us our present pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Krist and family from Cass City.

We are contemplating the breaking of ground on our lots and starting to build our new church early this summer. (1963).

During the short history of the Clinton Assembly of God, many persons have had the priviledge of hearing the true Word of God preached, souls have been saved, lives have been changed, and many will agree that the church has been a great influence for good in our Community.


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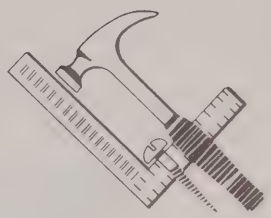

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## St. Dominic's Church

In the year 1853, the first Catholic Church was built in Clinton under the supervision of Father Kindekins and was called St. Dominic's. This original church was located in the older part of the present St. Dominic's Cemetery, and served the Catholic congregation until the present church was built in 1867, during the pastorate of Father VanLauwe. The present rectory was erected in 1903 under the guidance of Father Dillon.

Some of the former missions of St. Dominic's Church are St. Mary's, Manchester; Immaculate Conception, Milan; St. Francis, Freedon; St. Elizabeth's, Tecumseh; St. Joseph's Irish Hills and St. Peter's, Blissfield. St. Andrew's Church of Saline became a mission in 1954 and at the present time is the only mission of St. Dominic's Church.

Members of the parish who chose religious vocations were Father John Palmer and Father Joseph Lawless, S.J. Father Lawless joined the Jesuit Order after leaving the parish. Sister Mary Giles (nee Alice Kehoe), Sister Grace Francis (nee Margaret Kilby), Sister Mary Jerome (nee Alice Kisbaugh), Sister Mary Alma (nee Orra O'Reilly), and Sister Mary Marcella (nee Mary Gardner) joined the Dominican Sisters of Adrian. Sister Marcella entered the convent after leaving St. Dominic's Parrish.

There are now approximately 100 families belonging to St. Dominic's Parish with Father Edward F. Kalinowski as it's Pastor. The church is under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Detroit, headed by Archbishop John F. Dearden.

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## St. Joseph's Shrine

St. Joseph Shrine and Church Yard, in the famous Irish Hills district of Southeastern Michigan, presents to the visitor a gem of rare architectural and natural beauty. It would seem that here both nature and the handiwork of man had collaborated in producing an ideal picture. The ancient shrine was built by the Irish Pioneers in 1854. It was rebuilt along its original lines in 1928. Both it's exterior and interior, reminds the traveler of the world famous California Missions. The Altars and Niches are embellished by Genuine Venetian Mosaics.

Located in the center of the Church Yard is the beautiful life-size Crucifixion Group. It was sculptured from pure Carrara Marble from Pietsantra, Italy. The group and the Calvary Crest on which it rests weighs approximately 22,000 pounds. It is dedicated to the faith of the Irish Pioneers whose bodies are buried on these sacred grounds, and to the memory of Father Gabriel Richard, pioneer missionary through whose efforts the Chicago Pike (now U.S. 12) was first constructed.

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## St. John's Lutheran Church

The St. John's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater, Michigan, was founded by Rev. Frederick Schmidt of Scio Township, Washtenaw County. He gathered the Lutherans in and around Bridgewater to form a congregation. The first church, a frame building, was dedicated by Rev. Schmidt, assisted by his son, Professor Emanuel Schmidt, of Columbus, Ohio, on June 18, 1854. This building now stands on the property of the New York Central Railroad and is used as a wool house.

The first church officers were: Elders, Carl Mueller and John Rheinfrank; Trustees, Simon Frederick Missly, William Rheinfrank and Leonhardt Fliehman.

The old parsonage was built on the property where the cemetery is now located and it later became the residence of Mrs. Wachenhut. It is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Speiss. In 1875, a new parsonage was built on two acres of land purchased from Jean Sautter for $700.00 at a cost of $2,998.95. The parsonage was dedicated November 24, 1875.

The Ladies Society purchased a four hundred pound bell in 1871 after it was determined that the steeple was strong enough to carry it.

A committee was elected in 1882 to investigate the advisibility of building a new church or building on to the old one. And so it came about that a contract was given for $4000.00 to build a new church. The small bell of the old church was sold for $75.00 to the congregation of Maybe, Michigan and a 1500 pound bell, purchased for $350.00 replaced it. The new bell was installed the day before dedication. The re-dedication of the church took place on August 5, 1913, after extensive decorating and repairs were done.

A new pipe organ was purchased in 1936 from the Moeller Company at a cost of $2000.00. A set of Deigen Organ Chimes were dedicated on June 22, 1952. The Chimes were a gift to the congregation from lovers of music in the congregation who gave in special gifts.

A Young People's Group was formed in 1946. It is known as the Fellowship Circle. During this period, the Ladies Society joined the Women's Missionary Federation of the American Lutheran Church.

Many gifts have been presented to the church through the years which were given as Memorials. They have made possible the refurnishing of the interior including the carpeting, new pews, new hymnals, the beautiful lectern, the baptismal font, the Altar and Pulpit paraments, Choir robes and many other improvements by the generosity of the members.

The Centennial Anniversary was celebrated on June 20, 1954, when Pastor H. W. Ray was serving the church. He said the words of the Psalmist, "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever". (Ps. 107:1) were their words as they looked back over one hundred years of God's grace bestowed upon St. John's congregation.

Seventeen pastors served St. John's Lutheran Church during the years. Pastor M. C. Philips served the longest from 1911 to 1945.

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## Clinton Girl Scouts

The first troop of Girl Scouts was organized in 1935 by Mrs. Gartha Anglemyre. There were 24 girls of all ages.

In 1944, Mrs. Alva Hoelzer had a troop of 32 girls. In 1957, Clinton Girl Scouts had grown to one senior troop, five Intermediate troops, and five Brownie troops with a total registration of 176 girls and 66 adults.

In December, 1954, the Clinton Women's Club assumed the sponsorship of the Girl Scouts and Brownies. The Girl Scout Community Committee was formed in January 1955. The nine members of that board would secure leaders, program material, and financial help.

In 1956, the Jaycee Auxiliary became the sponsors of two troops and 1957, the Child Study Club sponsored two troops. The Clinton Woman's Club sponsored seven troops, making a total of eleven troops.

In 1959, three girls were chosen from Clinton to go to Round-up; Sara Balliet and Peggy Porter went to National Round-up in Denver, Colorado and Cynthia Smith went to Little Round-up in Canada.

In 1960, Clinton became part of the Irish Hills Girl Scout Countil. Thelma Whiteman became the neighbor chairman.

In 1962, Terry Whiteman and Doloris Balliet were chosen to go to National Round-up at Button Bay, Vermont, Mary Ann Treat was chosen to go to Little Round-up in Canada.

There is now day camping every summer for one week for all girls. Some of our girls go to established camp at the Irish Hills.

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## Cub Scouts - Pack No. 5

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When a boy reaches his eighth birthday he may join the Cub Scouts. He joins a Cub Pack and a Cub Den.

The Cubs have a uniform, dark blue with gold, their motto is "Do Your Best". The salute is given with 2 fingers touching the Cub cap visor. Here is the Cub Scout Promise; "I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my Country, to be square and to obey the Law of the Cub Pack".

When a boy comes into Cub Scouting he becomes a Bobcat. As he learns how to do certain things he advances in rank. At eight he is a Wolf Cub; at nine, a Bear Cub; at ten, a Lion Cub; and at ten and a half, a Weblo.

Here are some things the Cub Scouts learn to do that are a lot of fun and teaches the Cubs how to be strong as well as happy; feats of skill and safety, such as jumping, swimming, running, making things, such as whittling, weaving, coins and scrapbooks; how to tie packages, shoe strings and ropes; a secret-writing code; Indian craft; and forms a respect for the flag.

When the Weblos Cub Scout is eleven years old he may become a Boy Scout.

Pack #5 was organized here in Clinton on February 28, 1954. The Cubmaster was Roy Mestro and there were 53 boys on the Charter.

This year (1963) there are 43 boys in five dens on the charter under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club. The Cubmaster is Lawrence Gunn with William Shelley as Assistant Cubmaster and Weblos Leader. The last few years the Cubs have taken part in the "Scout-A-Rama" held in Adrian. This year their project was "Cub Knots". For this they were awarded the Proficient (blue) Ribbon.

In May a Pinewood Derby Race will be held at Pack Meeting. A Pinewood Racer is a whittling project for father and son. Each boy designs and whittles his car from a piece of wood, wheels, axles and nails given him by the Pack. The racer may not weigh over 5 ounces.

The summer program is a soft ball league made up of all Cub Scouts. A family picnic closes the summer activities until school starts and den meetings resume.

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# History of Clinton 4 - H Club

Interest was first established in a Clinton 4-H Club sometime in the 1940's from all information records that can be found. The boys in this area who had the desire to be in 4-H work were Kenneth Geiger, Carl and James Woodward. At this time there wasn't a Clinton 4-H Club so they joined a club at Tipton. Later Kenneth Escott of Clinton decided that he would start a Clinton 4-H and was the first leader in Clinton with livestock being the leading project. The next leaders were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Balliet and the club kept growing and more projects were offered so that the children in the community could have the opportunity to join. At about this time the Copeland twins won state honors with their registered Guernsey heifer, and their picture appeared in the Michigan Farm magazine.

The Clinton 4-H was one of the first organizations to use the Community Center for meetings and for cooking classes.

The Photography project became the outstanding project in 4-H with Mr. Walton Matthews as the leader for several years.

Mrs. Harold Calhoun was the next leader in the years of 1958 and 1959, and assisted a great deal before becoming the Community Leader. Mrs. Thomas Odell then became the next leader. In 1960 and 1961 Gary Couture won the Consumers Power and Westinghouse Awards at Adrian for his electrical work with Mr. Frank Faulhaber as the leader. In 1961 a 4-H Alumni Banquet was held at Community Center with great interest shown and a large attendance was present. Mr. and Mrs. James Meeks were the guest speakers and told of their many experiences in 4-H work.

Clinton has been well represented with many receiving State honors in recent years, Trina Mattis for sewing and outdoor cooking and Eddie Vogel for outdoor cooking, and Linda Smith with her knitting. In 1962, Sheila Girbach won the Sweepstakes for her knitting at the Lenawee County Fair. If any names have been omitted it is purely unintentional.

The leader at the present time is Mrs. Kenneth Couture.

The 4-H is a great rewarding Club and can be summarized with the Pledge:

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THE LOCAL ORGANIZATION OF THE ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA, KNOWN AS CLARA CAMP 2749, ORIGINALLY AN AUXILIARY TO THE MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA, WAS INSTITUTED ON OCTOBER 24, 1901, WITH A CHARTER MEMBERSHIP OF 20, WOMEN. THE CHARTER WAS SIGNED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1901, BY THE SUPREME ORACLE, MRS. E. D. WATT.

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CLARA CAMP NOW HAS 75 MEMBERS: 35 ADULTS, PLUS 21 JUVENILES HOLDING BENEFIT CERTIFICATES, AND 19 SOCIAL MEMBERS. THE PRESENT OFFICERS ARE: MRS. GLEN (GOLDIE) HINDES - ORACLE, MRS. GLADYS SCHULER - RECORDER, AND MRS. BEN II (BERNIE) MAHRLE - RECEIVER.

MUCH GOOD WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY THE MEMBERS, INCLUDING DONATIONS TO THE MARCH OF DINES, CANCER SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY CHEST, PROVIDING HOT LUNCHES AND MILK FOR NEEDY CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL AND CARD TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER. AT TIMES OF NEED AND IN CASES OF SERIOUS ILLNESS, RELIEF FROM A FUND IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SUPREME CAMP, AND SPONSORED BY LOCAL CAMPS. SINCE JANUARY OF 1962, TWO WHEELCHAIRS AND A SET OF BEDRAILS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR THE USE OF ANYONE IN THE COMMUNITY IN NEED OF THEM AND AT NO COST TO THE USER. CLARA CAMP HOLDS MANY PROJECTS DURING THE YEAR TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THESE GOOD DEEDS.

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## Golden Age Club

The Senior Citizens of Clinton were called together one afternoon in September, 1960, by Mrs. Henry Vaughn. Several people attended and decided to form a club and have programs, card parties, dances or just have fun and talk. The only stipulation was that everyone had to be over fifty years of age. The dues were to be reasonable and it was voted to call the club the "Golden Age Club". The officers were elected as follows: President; Al Schwellinger, Vice President; Claude Gibbs, Secretary; Hazel Barnard, Treasurer, Katherine Kehoe, Telephone Chairman; Elizabeth Campbell, and Program Committee; Hazel Sell, Alma Larrabee, Hazel Thompson, and Mrs. Henry Vaughn.

The constitution and by-laws were compiled by Mrs. Vaughn and on January 10, 1961, were accepted by the group.

Excellent programs have been presented by the program committee, some of which were original plays written by Hazel Sell and acted out by members. Other programs have included original piano music by members, addresses by several of the members, by the librarian, a State Police Trooper, a local minister, school teacher, antique collector, rock collector, and book reviews have been enjoyed as have colored slides and travel talks by several members of the community.

The club has taken trips in a group to many places of interest in the State. They have entertained guests from senior citizen chapters of other towns. They always enjoy a big party at Halloween time with spooks, costumes, marches, etc., and celebrate Christmas with a tree donated by Girl Scouts and an exchange of gifts. Valentines Day and Mothers Day are appropriately observed with poems by our talented members. Two anniversaries have been celebrated with beautiful cakes donated by Mrs. Gertrude Dannels.

The present officers are: President; Mrs. Al Schwellinger, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Frank Steuwe, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Hazel Barnard, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Thomas Pence, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Katherine Kehoe, and Treasurer; Mrs. Anna McDermott.

Once a month there is a potluck supper, otherwise the meetings are concluded with refreshments. Visitors and potential members are always welcome.

Special tribute should be paid to Mrs. Henry Vaughn, without whose initiative and untiring efforts the club would never have been started or kept going. The Golden Age Club salutes Mrs. Henry Vaughn.

## Rifle and Pistol Club

On an evening in March of 1946, eight men gathered in the Old American Legion Club room above the Corner Drug Store to discuss the possibility of organizing a shooting club. Out of this meeting was formed the Clinton Rifle and Pistol Club.

Soon this membership grew to approximately 30 members and the Club was affiliated with the National Riflemans Association as a Class A. Club

A club range was built on the Carroll Hess property wouthwest of Clinton and a clubhouse erected. Still going strong, the club has held a steady membership of 20 to 25 in late years and scheduled shoots are held every week-end from March through November. The Clinton Rifle and Pistol Club is the oldest gun devoted to all types of shooting in the area. Through the efforts of this club, a large number of boys and men have been schooled in the safe use of firearms and many have gone on to become experts in the use of firearms for pleasure.

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# Clinton Rotary Club

The Clinton Michigan Rotary Club is one of 11,434 Rotary Clubs located in various cities throughout the free world. Together they form a world-wide organization known as "Rotary-International".

The Clinton Club has at present 23 members, which are part of the 533,500 Rotarians in clubs in many counties.

"Rotary" is an ideal in action-it is thoughtfulness of an helpfullness to others. It is the experience of men of different faiths, different opinions and different nationalities growing in fellowship, wherever they may be.

Rotary's membership is selected on the basis of election of one active member from each recognized business and profession in the community. This makes for a true cross-section of the community's interests and activities.

The mottoes of Rotarians are "Service above Self" and "He profits most who serves best". In all of their business, social and civic contacts they try to place the obligation to serve others before the desire for profit for themselves.

Rotary is a potent factor for the promotion of many different types of community-better activities, for constructive work with crippled children and under priviliged children, and for the promotion of high standards in business and professional practices. Through its world-wide fellowship of business and professional men, bound to-gether by their devotion to the ideal of service, Rotary endeavors to encourage and foster the advancement of good will, understanding and griendship, not only among its own members, but among all the people of the world.

Each Rotarian is dedicated to practice the "Four Way Test" in all the things he thinks, says, or does. The "Four Way Test" is; 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Seeing the benefits such an organization would give to the community, a group of Clinton business and professional men applied for a charter to organize a club in Clinton. They were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tecumseh, Michigan. So on March 5, 1940, a charter meeting was held and the Rotary Club of Clinton, Michigan, was officially organized.

From that time on until now (1963) the members have met every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. to enjoy the fellowship of an evening together and the planning of activities to help the community and the people in it.

The chartering of a new Rotary Club is a memorable event in the history of the Rotary Organization. When the Clinton Club came into being, it received congratulating letters and telegrams from other clubs in cities in many parts of the world. These all were received with heartfelt thanks by the charter members and are still thrilling reading for the newer and younger members of today.

Although it might be considered a small club, it is a very active one. Some of the more recent activities that it has engaged in are; the annual "Chicken Bar-B-Que", sponsoring a high school boy to "Boys' State" held in Lansing, Michigan, awarding annual Interlocken Music Camp Scholorships to two high school girls, Athletic Banquet, and a "Senior Class Dinner" each year. A permanent project is sponrosing the Clinton Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and the Explorer Scouts. In addition to these activities, an interesting series of "World Travelogues" have been given in 1962-63. In 1962, a scholarship fund, "The Clinton Rotary-Frank Harrison Scholarship" was set up for use by our local graduates and is available to a student who has a need.

Officers of the Club are elected annually and a member can hold the office of president only once. Thus anyone who is a member for a short number of years usually has this priviledge and honor. The officers at this writing are President - Thomas A. Young, Vice President - Frank Gilman - Secretary and Treasurer - Wayne E. Hulett. The newly elected officers who will take office July 1, 1963, are: President - Frank Gilman, Vice President - James Reynolds, and Secretary and Treasurer - Wayne E. Hulett.

Clinton Rotarians are proud to share in this, the 125th Anniversary of Clinton, Michigan. At this time, the Rotarians are also celebrating their 23rd Anniversary and hope that they will continue to help Clinton celebrate many more memorable anniversaries.

The Charter members of the Club are; Clare J. Bellows, W. DeVere Blackmer, Otto B. Feldkamp, James R. Foreman, Cebert D. Halladay, Charles D. Hause, William B. Hornsby, Harris D. Iler, Clare L. Kimball, Livingstone Latham, George E. Lancaster, Wright D. Moats, Ted B. Nilsen, Vance L. Ogden, Marvin J. Pardee, Earl W. Potter, John A. Ross, Rial E. Simons, Wm. P. VanTuyle, Clyde W. Way, and Andrew Woodward.

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## American Legion Auxiliary

The F. E. Pieper Unit #176, of the American Legion was formed in Clinton in 1920. The early records of the Unit are incomplete, but this group was active several years before they disbanded.

On March 30, 1931, another Unit was formed with twenty charter members, six of which are still active. There are presently 53 members.

This organization's endeavor has always been the rehabilitation of disabled veterans and their families, and local welfare work.

The group has devoted many hours in sewing for the Children's Billet at Otter Lake, entertaining and serving refreshments for the veterans at Ypsilanti State Hospital, and at Veterans Hospital at Ann Arbor. They have also furnished gifts and worked at the Christmas Work Shop at Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor, to help the patients to remember their families at Christmas time. Proceeds from the annual Poppy Sales are used entirely for this work.

We, of the American Legion, salute the 125th Anniversary of this village and hope that we may be a part of it as long as we possibly can.

## Clinton Township Library

Through the efforts of the Woman's Club and the lead ership of Mrs. Alma Tate, the Clinton Library was organized in 1913.

The beginning was modest with books taken from the school collection and donations from interested people.

The first move was to a store building on main street. This is what we know as the "Tag and Kaiser" store which is the second store west of the "Clintonian Hotel". Later it was moved to the building now the Steffens Drug Store.

Miss Ella Bostedor was installed as librarian. It was a struggle to finance the project and the ladies had tag days, teas, and dinners in their untiring efforts to raise money. In spite of all this the doors were closed in 1936.

Miss Grace Davis was interested and had been assisting Miss Bostedor and she could not accept defeat. It was through her efforts and those of Dr. J. R. Foreman the issue was brought to a vote of the people and a one mill property tax was established and our present library had a constructive beginning. The library was officially established as the "Clinton Township Library" on January 21, 1937, with Miss Davis as librarian.

At the annual town meeting the trustees of the library are elected. Their terms are for three years and two are elected each year. It is the responsibility of this board to budget the tax money, hire the librarian and manage the business in general. Our present board consists of Mr. Albert Fox, Mr. Leslie Pierce, Mrs. Barbara Truesdale, Mrs. Marjorie Miller, Mr. Daniel Schindler, and Mrs. Robert Winder. Much credit must be given all those who have served so unselfishly and a special note taken of the fact that Mr. Albert Fox, a teacher has served continuously at least twenty years.

It was with regret that Miss Davis resigned in 1945. Her interest and kindness as well as efficiency will long be remembered. In August of 1945, Mrs. Agnes Geiger assumed the duties of librarian and is still serving.

It was deemed advantageous to join the County Library System that we might have ready access to their facilities. This service combined with that of the State Library makes good Library service available to all.

Much progress has been made and we now have a Television, a film projector and screen, a drinking fountain, new furnishings, and many new books.

Every three years the librarian is required to attend some sort of training course. This helps to make the library service in the state uniform. The State Librarian has been heard to note many times that is her desire to extend library service to all residents of the State of Michigan. As citizens of the Township of Clinton, we are proud to be taking our small part in the project.

The reference section of the Clinton Library is known as one of the best in the county and is used quite extensively. This along with its many books of fiction makes the library a valuable asset to the community.

We may be justly proud of the Clinton Township Library.

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On December 15, 1950, Mr. F.W., Mr. N.L. Merkel and Mr. Thos. A. Young, purchased the original hardware store from Harvey Gridley. This store was located 2 stores west of the present hardware store. It was erected in 1834. The first owner and operator at that time was Mr. Alpheus Kies. Through the years, the following men owned and operated the hardware store.

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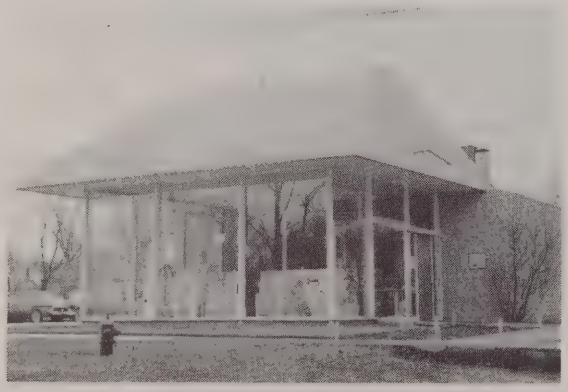
On October 1, 1955, the present owners purchased the building where the hardware is now located. The three employees that work at the store are, Mr. Thomas A. Pence, hired January 1951, Mrs. Mary Hull, hired April 1952, and Mrs. Lucile Alonzo Philo hired in August 1954.



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# Clinton Woman's Club

More than half century ago, in the good old horse and buggy days, the women of Clinton realized that only through their combined efforts could they provide such necessaries as good books and good music in order to further the cultural needs of this community.

In 1908 twenty-six of these forward-looking women, headed by Mrs. Jane Clark and Mrs. Alma Tate, organized the Clinton Culture Club. The work of this group was so outstanding that the Club was accepted in 1908 as a member of the Lenawee County Federation of Women's Clubs and in 1909 became affiliated with the State organization.

The need for a chapel in the cemetery and for a Township Library was the first interest of the Club members. Built at a cost of $2,500 in addition to generous donations of labor and material, the little stone chapel, which still stands, was dedicated in 1913.

The library had its humble beginning in a small room in the home of Mrs. Mary Guiwits on West Church Street. A Library Association was formed in May 1914. The membership fee was 25 cents and one good book. In 1915, the Club and Clinton School libraries were combined and were moved to rooms over Tag and Kaiser's stores (now Schott's Shoe Store). After a period of six years the library with its 6,000 volumes and yearly circulation of over 11,000 books had outgrown these quarters and was moved to what is now the Clinton Theater. Later the Clinton School withdrew its support, but the energetic clubwomen behind this project carried on alone. Finally in 1937 their appeals to the Township received recognition so that all books and equipment were donated to the Township and with great fanfare were housed in Town Hall, where they still serve the residents of a large community.

Through the Club's history of Fifty-five years the members no sooner finished one project than they were off on another. They were responsible for the traveling library from Lansing, the placing of markers at historic sites, and the publishing of "Pioneer Papers of Clinton". In March after years of deliberation, it was agreed to change the Club from Clinton Culture Club to Clinton Woman's Club. The war years were spent on Red Cross and other work. At the end of the war, $600 in acquired war bonds were used to purchase new curtains for the high school stage.

With no definite project after World War II, interest slackened, but the old spirit revived when hopes for a Community Center seemed possible. The Margaret Kimball Wilson piano concert in 1948 touched off the fund-raising projects and a memorial fund was set up for Louise Clark Kimball, mother of Margaret Wilson and daughter of the first president, Jane Clark. The bazaars, cardparties, and semi-annual Thrift Shops that followed made possible a total funds of $1,000, which was used to help furnish the Smith-Kimball Community Center. In 1959, the Club contributed $125 toward redecorating the Center.

Jane Clark

Besides the Community Center Chairs, which are used at the Club's monthly meetings, it owns Mrs. Blanche Kimball's grand piano, a gift from her before the Center was formally given to Clinton. For more gracious entertaining, especially on Guest Night, the Club owns a beautiful silver tea service, which is engraved in memory of Mrs. Louise Kimball, and china and flatware to serve a large group. As a gift from Mrs. Helen Foreman Stair, in memory of Mrs. Beth Kimball Foreman, silver candelabra and sandwich plates supplement the tea service.

In 1958 "The Clinton Story" was published in recognition of the Club's Fiftieth Anniversary. Open house was also held at the Community Center, where more than 200 guests were received by members of the Club in early costumes, amid surroundings resplendent with golden chrysanthemums, antique displays, and a four-tier anniversary cake.

Great effort is expended in providing good speakers on a wide scope of subjects for the monthly Club meetings, and a special effort is made to encourage the students from the Clinton High School department of music. Each year on Guest Night the Club welcomes a speaker from a different educational instututution in Michigan in order to impress the members and friends with the opportunities for higher education in this state and also to honor members and those in the community who have attended some one of these A-1 colleges of learning.

Yearly contributions are made to the Community Chest and health-promoting agencies. The Club membership now totals seventy-six. These members strive to carry on the work of their predecessors for the betterment of the community.

## Order of Eastern Star

On May 27, 1862, at the Masonic Hall in Clinton, with sixteen chapter members present, there was instituted a Chapter of O.E.S. The following officers were elected: Worthy Matron, Emma VanDeMark; Worthy Patron, C. D. Kies; Associate Matron, Minerva White; Secretary, Grace Smith; Treasurer, Carrie Woodward; Condructress, Genevieve Burroughs; Associate Condructress, Hattie Johnston; Adah, Euphania Smith; Ruth, Eleanor Marsteller; Esther, Cordelia Kies; Martha, Ella Leek; Electa, Mary Belding; Warder, Mary Davis; Sentinel, Charles Fabrique; and Chaplain, Brother Reives.

It was decided that the iniation fee for Ladies would be one dollar and for Gentlemen two dollars. The annual dues would be fifty cents. Meetings were to be held on Wednesdays on or before the full of the moon.

A Charter was granted the new chapter on October 18, 1892.

We, at present, have a membership of over 200 members.

## Clinton Local

The Clinton Local, Clinton's newspaper, has recorded the history of this area for the past 80 years, and is now the oldest business establishment in the village.

It was founded in 1884 by Mat D. Blosser, publisher of the Manchester Enterprise at that time, and a Mr. Spaford, who operated it for several years. Since then it has had various owners, including J. R. Blanchard, Walter Pinkstone, Russell Green, D. J. Robbins and others.

Since 1946, it has been owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Hollis H. Farley and during the past dozen years, the mechanical equipment of the plant has been completely mechanized and added to, until it boasts now, a very complete commercial letterpress and newspaper publishing plant.

The plant has been located in its own building on Tecumseh Street for many years.

Many are the changes and happenings in this area that have been chronicled in its columns and although some of its files were lost in a fire in 1947, which nearly destroyed the plant, its pages have recorded and kept a record of the joys and sorrows of the Clinton Area.


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## Clinton Masonic Lodge

BEFORE A MASONIC LODGE WAS FORMED IN CLINTON, A FEW MASONS ATTENDED LODGE IN TECUMSEH, USING A HAND CAR TO GO DOWN ON. MR. CORBUS THE SECTION BOSS, KNOWN BY RAILROAD MEN AS "OLD ROSY" AND A BROTHER OF THE FRATERNITY GAVE THEM KEYS TO THE HAND CAR HOUSE. TRAINS NEVER RAN ON THE ROAD AT NIGHT, SO THEY NEVER TOOK THE HAND CAR OFF THE TRACK. BUT ONE NIGHT A TRAIN DID RUN AND KNOCKED THE OLD CAR CLEAR OFF THE TRACK AND ALL TO PIECES, AND THE MASONS HAD TO WALK HOME. THE HAND CAR MEN AT CLINTON GOT WORD TO CARBUS THAT SOME ONE HAD STOLEN THE CAR. HE TOLD THEM THEY WOULD GET A NEW ONE, AND AT THE SAME TIME TOLD THE MASONS TO BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE, AND GAVE THEM KEYS TO FIT THE NEW LOCK ON THE CAR HOUSE. IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS THEY AGAIN WENT DOWN ON THE HAND CAR AND NO MORE TROUBLE. IN 1866, CLINTON MASONS GOT A CHARTER FROM GRAND LODGE AND OPENED THE F. & A. M. NO. 175, IN THE SONS OF MALTA HALL, WHICH HAD BEEN ABANDONED AND IT WAS THEIR PLACE OF MEETING UNTIL THE LODGE ROOMS WERE BUILT ABOVE THE TOWN HALL. DAVID WOODWARD WAS THE FIRST MASTER OF THE LODGE AND SERVED 21 YEARS. THE PRESENT LODGE HAS AN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP OF 226.

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## Band Boosters

The "Clinton Band Boosters" Club was organized in 1940 and originally was known as the "Band Mother's Club". In May, 1948, this name was changed to the one now presently used.

Its purpose is to give and assist financially or otherwise to maintain the Clinton High School Band as an outstanding high quality organization. The Band Boosters meet once a month during the school year and plan activities that will further these ends. Officers consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and four board members are elected annually.

Its activities during the past 23 years have been many and varied. A community calendar, fruit cake sales at Christmas time, dinner banquets for the band students, a school carnival, and similar projects are typical.

In 1960 at a meeting concerning policy, a formal "Band Booster Articles of Organization" was prepared and made a part of the organizational setup. This document consists of seven articles covering Purpose of the Organization, Fund use, Surplus fund use, Method of obtaining funds, Band Booster-Definition, Officers, and Meeting time and place.

Under the very able directorship of Mr. Richard Wegner, the Clinton High School Band has maintained an outstanding and enviable position for the past 15 years. It is without a doubt one of the best High School Bands in the county from schools of comparable size.

The Band Boosters are proud to be associated with such a band and will endeavor to assist the Band Students, Band Director, and Community in promoting so worthwhile activity.

The present officers of the Band Boosters Club are, President; Ray Williams, Secretary; Mrs. Marion Ayres, Treasurer; Mr. Wayne Hulett, Board Members; Dorothy Girbach, Mrs. Joyce Jacobs, Edwin Wight, D.D.S., and Mr. Herbert Ayres.

## Clinton Jaycees

A task force of energetic and civic-spirited young men is at work in your community. Here, as in 4,000 other communities, the Junior Chamber of Commerce prompts young men to an active rold in the affairs of your village, state and nation.

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4. The chance to improve your community.

The Clinton Jaycees was organized in 1956 with E. J. Thomas as the first President.

Yes, you know the Jaycees; you live next door to them, work with them, attend church with them. They have been to your house for the Polio Drive, Blind Products Sales and Flag Sales. You have dunked them through their Dunk Tank Project. They have washed your car in an Annual Project, and most of you have bought a Christmas Tree from a Jaycee.

Officers are as follows: Bill Gobel, President, Harlon Ruhl, Vice President, Del Tallman, Secretary, *Jim Wilson, Director, Gene Pribble, Treasurer, and Gene Williams, Director.

Active members are: *Bob Barron, Dick Cadmus, Bob Darling, Lee Faust, Ken Geiger, Duane Hay, *Jr. Heimerdinger, Bob King, Dave Knight, Jerry Kulpinski, Dave Marcum, Dale Porterfield, *Bill Reyner, Jim Reynolds, *Larry Van Deusen and Tom Stadler. (*Denotes Charter Members)

## Jaycee Auxiliary

Officers of the Auxiliary and active members are as follows: Judy King, President, Kathryn Williams, Vice President, Nancy Knight, Secretary, Bev Pribble, Director, and Emma Goble, Treasurer.

Active members are: Nancy Cadmus, Barbara Faust, Donna Hay, Jeanette Heimerdinger, Judy Kulpinski, Jane Marcum, Helene Ruhl, Marlyn Tallman, and Jackie Stadler.

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## Chamber of Commerce

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce was re-organized in 1947 and has been an active service organization since that time.

Realizing the shortage of housing, the Chamber of Commerce purchased fourteen acres of land on East Church Street. The first part consisting of sixteen lots was started in 1954, and completed with houses a few years later. The second section of thirty-five lots was started in 1957. There are now about twenty-eight nice homes in this subdivision ranging in price from $15,000 to $30,000. The subdivision has lights, water, sewer, paved streets, and storm sewer. The Chamber of Commerce, being a non-profit organization, has pro-rated the price of the lots to cover just the cost of developing the subdivision.

The Chamber of Commerce has also been interested and worked on further development of the Community Center and Industrial Development.

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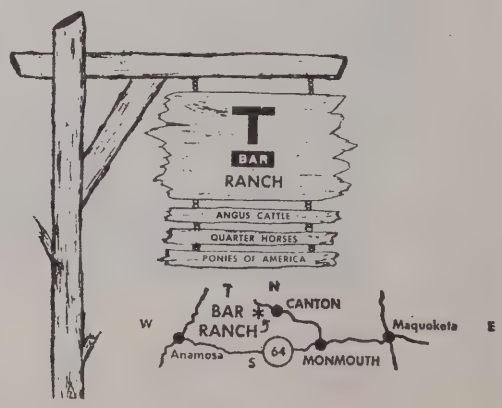


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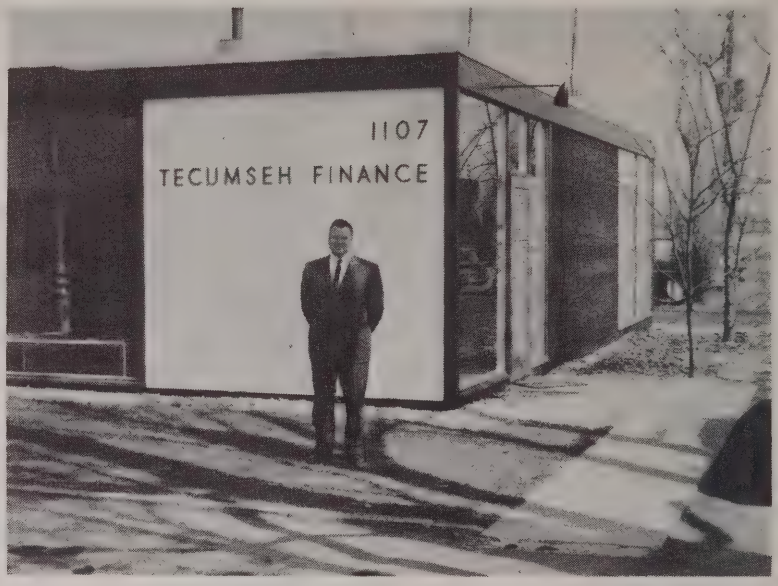


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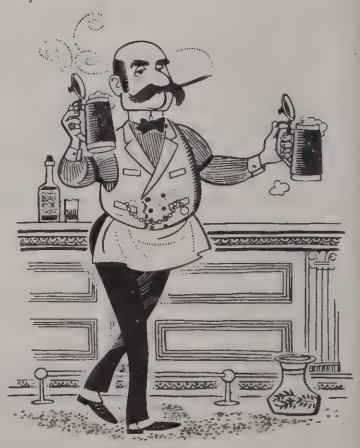

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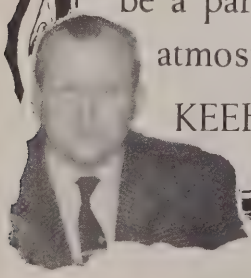

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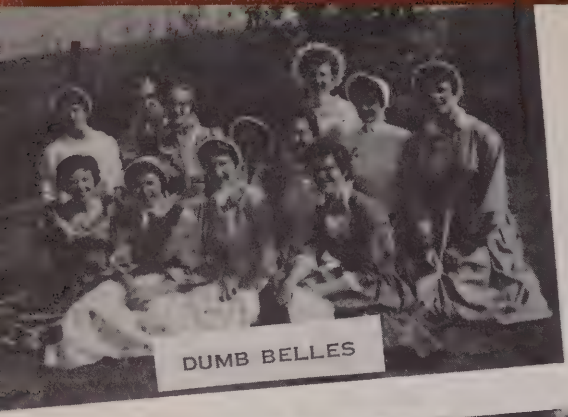
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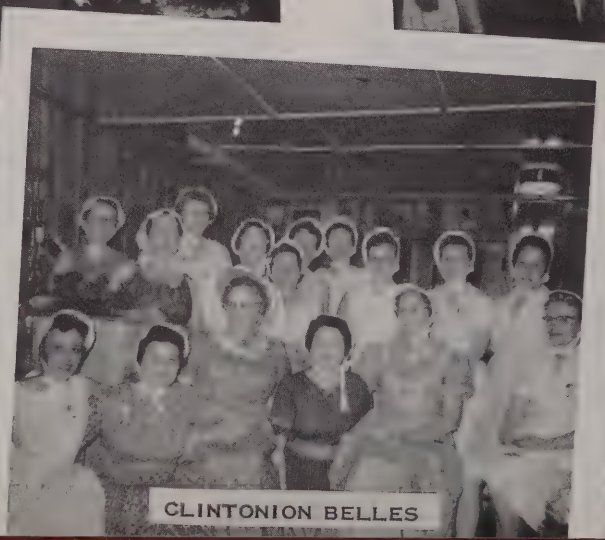
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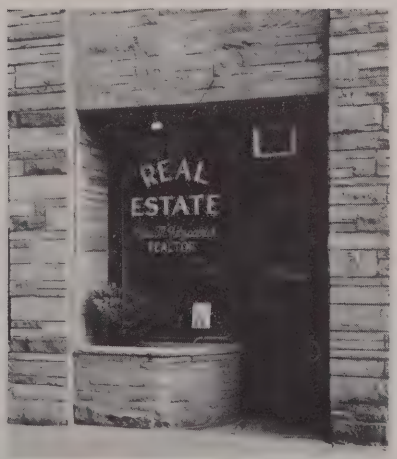


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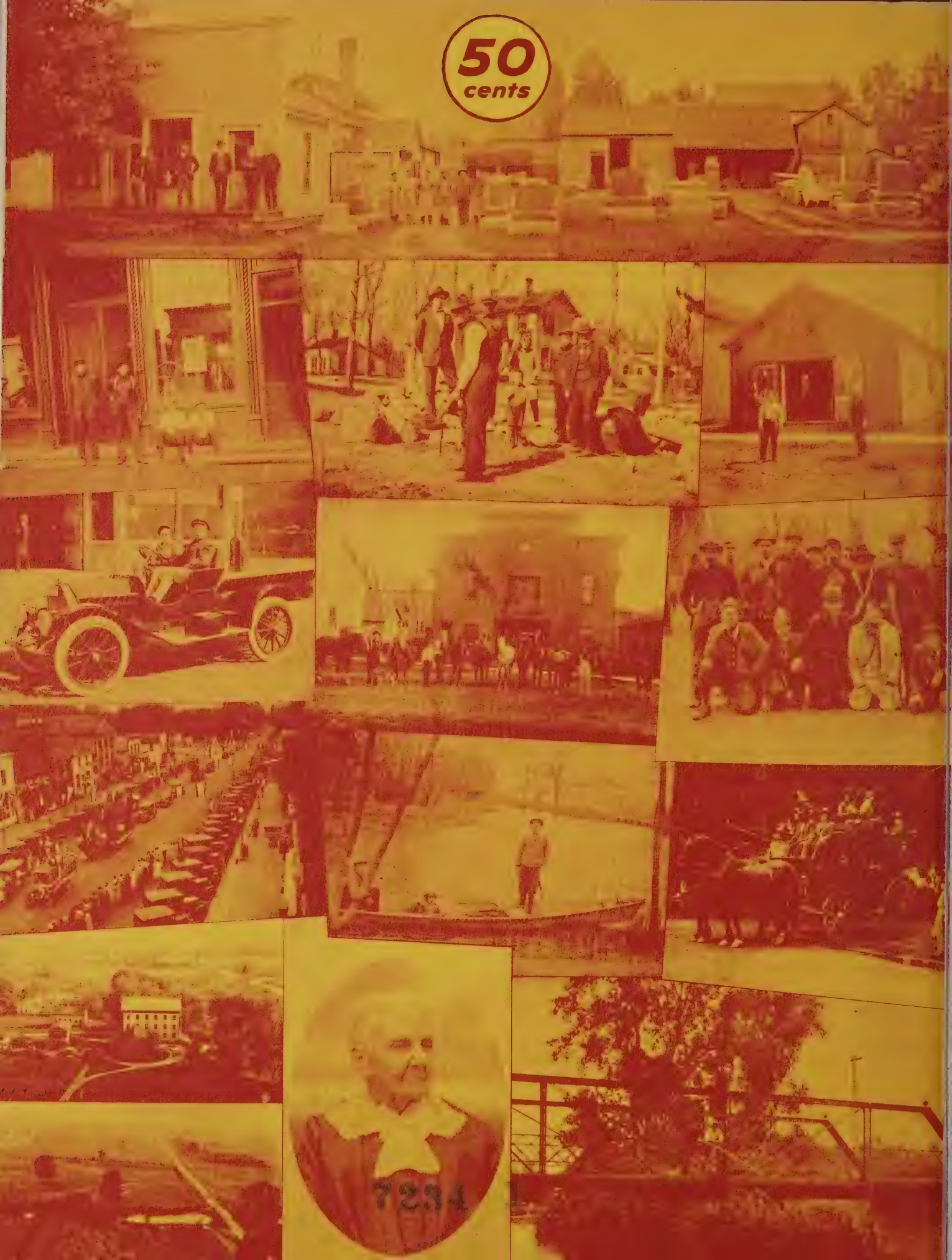
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